

**June 16, 2003**

# **Montana Medicaid Notice**

## **Personal Assistance Services Providers**

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### **Procedure Code Changes**

Effective July 1, 2003, the procedure codes to submit claims for Medicaid personal assistance services and self-directed personal assistance services are changing. State-specific local procedures codes are no longer allowed with the implementation of HIPAA. National HCPCS (Health Care Financing Administration Common Procedure Coding System) procedure codes must be used.

A procedure code for self-directed personal assistance was not established. Providers are required to use modifier U9 to identify this service for pricing. There also is not a specific procedure code for nurse supervision or oversight. Providers will use modifier TE for informational purposes. The transportation mileage procedure code is not changing. Below are the new procedure codes and modifiers:

<b>Procedure Code Changes</b>			
<b>Old Code</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>New Code</b>	<b>Modifier</b>
Z0566	Attendant services	T1019	
Z0567	Nurse supervision	T1019	TE
Z0564	Self-directed attendant services	T1019	U9
Z0569	Self-directed oversight	T1019	U9 TE
A0080	Medical transportation-mileage	A0080	

Modifiers are placed directly after the procedure code on claims. Pricing modifiers should always be placed in the first modifier column followed by informational modifiers. If there is no pricing modifier, then the informational modifier can be placed directly after the procedure code, such as nurse supervision. Self-directed oversight must be recorded as T1019 U9 TE.

Providers must also submit claims through June 30, 2003 separately from July 1, 2003. For example, if your pay period is from 6/24/03 through 7/5/03, you must submit two claims. The first claim should have dates of service from 6/24/03 through 6/30/03 and the old procedure codes. The second claim should have dates of service 7/1/03 through 7/5/03 with the new procedure codes.

It is the provider's responsibility to make sure the billing department sees this notice. Emergency warrants will not be issued to providers if they have not informed their billing department of the changes and have not called Annette Marron if there are problems.

## **Contact Information**

For more information, contact Annette Marron at 444-4142 or Denise King at 444-4064. For claims questions or additional information, contact Provider Relations:

**Provider Relations in Helena and out-of-state: (406) 442-1837**

**In-state toll-free: 1-800-624-3958**

Please visit the Provider Information website:

**<http://www.mtmedicaid.org>**